



Idaho

Fish Health Center

Station Facts

- Built in 1969 as part of Dworshak NFH Complex
- 5 full time employees, including veterinarian & fish biologists
- Only FWS laboratory that is USDA-APHIS approved
- Provides full service laboratory testing for aquatic animals
- Developed biosecurity training used in many states and regions
- Idaho Congressional District 1

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Directions:

Located three miles west of Orofino on State Highway 7



Who We Are

Fish Health Centers (FHCs) provide expertise in aquatic animal health, including diagnostics, monitoring, investigations, certifications, and training related to both wild and captive populations. FHCs coordinate the Wild Fish Health Survey and address emerging pathogen issues through applied research and innovative management strategies.

How We Help

Idaho Fish Health Center (IFHC) provides services, expertise, and information supporting the Service's mission to promote and protect aquatic animal health. Laboratory capabilities include virology, bacteriology, parasitology and assays including conventional Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), and real-time PCR. Fish health training emphasizing prevention of disease and biosecurity is provided to staff at hatcheries, Tribal partners, and others.

Youth in the Great Outdoors

The IFHC provides training and opportunities in fish health for youth volunteers, veterinary internships, and college students in the Pathways Program. Staff are active in giving tours and visiting local schools to teach children about fish health.



Pathways student & volunteers collect WFHS samples

Lab Projects

Federal Hatcheries: For Dworshak, Kooskia and Hagerman National Fish Hatcheries, IFHC performs monthly monitoring, diagnostics, training, INAD monitoring, and import/transport/pre-release inspections.

National Wild Fish Health Survey: Since 1997, IFHC has sampled over 1,000 distinct locations and over 25,000 wild fish in providing information on the health of fish in the wild.

Tribal Partners: IFHC provides fish health services for the Nez Perce Tribe for programs including spring & fall Chinook salmon, coho, Pacific Lamprey, and kelts. Services are provided to the Kootenai Tribe for white sturgeon, burbot, and rainbow trout.



Fish health tour for Nez Perce tribal youth